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NATURE OF CALL: REPORT OF SHOTS FIRED

LOCATION OF CALL: SIERRA OAK DRIVE, COLFAX

RELEASED BY: CAPT. RICK ARMSTRONG

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

Sheriff's Dispatch received several calls from residents on Sierra Oak Drive in Colfax reporting shots fired. Deputies responded and found that Jeremiah Katches, age 18, who had been drinking at a party, retrieved a handgun from his car and threatened to kill himself. When friends tried to talk to him, Katches ran into the woods where he fired the gun several times and pointed the gun at two of his friends who had followed him. After firing several more rounds, the friends were able to wrestle the gun away from him and he then ran off.

Sheriff's Deputy Christina Steiner located Katches exiting a home in Colfax. He ran into the woods again and was located a short time later with the help of the Sheriff's helicopter Falcon 30 and it's infrared heat sensor (FLIR). Katches was placed under citizens arrested for 246.3 PC, discharging a weapon in a negligent manner; 417 PC, brandishing a weapon; and 602 PC, trespassing.

Deputies were later dispatched to a residence in Colfax where the homeowner reported a handgun had been stolen from his residence. Deputies showed him the gun taken from Katches and he identified it as the stolen weapon. Deputies also noticed that the serial number had been filed off the gun, which wasn't the case before it was stolen. Katches was also charged with 12090 PC, tampering with a firearm's serial number, and 496 PC, possession of stolen property. Katches was booked into the Placer County Jail on the above charges and subsequently released pending a court appearance.

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